

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/617,498	SCHOENAFINGER ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Zinna Northington Davis	1625	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Amendment filed May 17, 2005 and IDS filed May 23, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-7 and 9-15 (now renumbered as 1-14, respectively).
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 5/05 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ms. Barbara Kurys on August 8, 2005.

2. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

Group I: Claims 1-7 and 9-15, drawn to a compound of formula I, pharmaceutical composition, method of use, and process of preparing.

Group II: Claim 8, drawn to a pharmaceutical composition using the compounds of formula (I) with further active ingredients.

Inventions II and I are related as product and process of use. The inventions can be shown to be distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) the process for using the product as claimed can be practiced with another materially different product or (2) the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process of using that product (MPEP § 806.05(h)). In the instant case, the process for using the product as claimed can be practiced with another materially different product. See claim 8.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

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3. During a telephone conversation with Ms. Barbara Kurys on August 8, 2005, a provisional election was made *without* traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-7 and 9-15. Claim 8 is withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner, 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

4. The application has been amended as follows:

A. At claim 3, page 6, lines 10-12; claim 4, page 7, lines 7-9, the definition of radical A has been amended as follows:

--A is H, F, Cl, Br, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, CF₃, OCF₃, NO₂, CN, O-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, CO-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₁-C₆)-alkylene-COOH, (C₁-C₆)-alkylene-COO-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl or SO₂-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl;--.

B. Claim 8 has been canceled.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

5. Based upon the Response filed May 17, 2005, the rejections set forth in the Office Action mailed December 17, 2004 are withdrawn.

6. Applicants preserve the right to file divisional applications drawn to the non-elected subject matter of claim 8.

7. At Claims 3 and 4, the definition of the radical, (C₁-C₆)-alkylene-COOH, has been amended to the definition as supported at Claim 1.

8. The Information Disclosure Statement filed May 23, 2005 has been considered.

The references alone or in combination forms do not teach nor suggest structurally similar compounds as those instantly claimed. Additionally, there is neither teaching nor

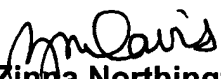
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suggestion to modify a similar phenyl ring to derive a 2,4-disubstituted-phenyl benzoyl urea compound. Accordingly, claims 1-7 and 9-15 are allowed.

9. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Zinna N. Davis whose telephone number is 571-272-0682.

11. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).


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